

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:17-cv-00241-MR**

NICOLE LEE BLAKE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,**

Defendant.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's motion for the admission of attorney Karl E. Osterhout as counsel *pro hac vice*. [Doc. 3]. Upon careful review and consideration, the Court will deny the motion.

Pro hac vice admission is for the admission of an attorney from another jurisdiction for a single case. See LCvR 83.1(B)(1) ("A *pro hac vice* admission is defined as an admission to the Bar of this Court in a *particular* case....") (emphasis added). The admission of an attorney *pro hac vice* is a matter within the discretion of the particular judge to whom the case is assigned. Id.

Pro hac vice admission is not intended to be a substitute for admission to the bar of this Court by those who regularly practice here. The present

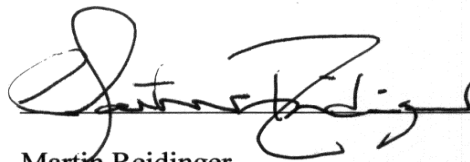
motion is the 17th time that Mr. Osterhout has sought *pro hac vice* admission in this District. This, in the Court's view, constitutes regular practice.

Notably, counsel represents that he has been admitted to the bar in 31 other jurisdictions. [Doc. 3-4 at 1-2]. Apparently, he practices regularly in many courts. If, however, Mr. Osterhout desires to practice regularly *in this Court* he must apply for regular admission.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff's motion for the admission of attorney Karl E. Osterhout as counsel *pro hac vice* [Doc. 3] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 15, 2017


Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

